(c) The bridge is not included under the Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North-East (SARDP-NE).

(d) The bridge over Gabhoru river falls on the State Road and is under the purview of the Government of Assam. The project is not funded by this Ministry. Government of Assam is constructing the bridge at an estimated cost of Rs. 350.52 lakh with target date of completion as 7-4-2007, under the loan assistance from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development.

Death of employees/jawans deployed in Indian Embassies

†*413. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any case of death of employees/jawans/ officials deployed in Indian Embassies located in foreign countries including Nepal, Pakistan and Afghanistan, during the last three years till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry in each case; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Fifteen India based officials deployed in Indian Missions abroad have died in the last three years. Twelve were due to natural causes including injuries suffered from vehicle accident while three were from bullet injuries.

(c) It was not deemed necessary to conduct inquiry in the deaths due to natural causes. In the case of deaths due to bullet injuries, the concerned Government department/agencies conducted relevant inquiries.

(d) A three member ITBP Court of Inquiry (CoI) conducted an inquiry into the death, on 12 February 2004, of an Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) constable posted in High Commission of India, Colombo. The COI concluded that the death was due to accidental firing of the deceased's own weapon while on duty. In the case of deaths of two CISF constables in Embassy of India, Kathmandu on 18 January 2005, a five member team, comprising two CISF and three CBI officials conducted an inquiry on the basis of which a constable of the same CISF contingent has been charge sheeted and is presently under trial.

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